

FLORIDA TOPICS

Short Items from
all Sections
of the State

John Brown, the negro murderer of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson at their home in Italia, Nassau county, last April, was hanged in Fernandina Friday morning the 19th.

The growers all report their strawberry plants in fine condition. This four hundred thousand dollar crop will begin to mature in about ninety days. — Bradford County Telegraph.

The contest committee of the Automobile Club of America has announced that the races at Ormond, Fla., will be held during the first week in March. The event will be a 250 mile race in which nothing but racing cars will enter.

A disastrous fire occurred in Lake City, Wednesday of last week when the entire stock of goods of the firm of Holmsten & Hayman and the interior of their store were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$50,000 with about \$10,000 insurance.

At the December meeting of the county commissioners of Volusia a reward of \$250 was offered for the arrest of the negro Henry Richardson who shot and killed Deputy Sheriff W. P. Edwards recently. The reward will be paid for the delivery to the sheriff of Volusia county of the prisoner at any jail in the state of Florida.

Miss Annie Burkhardt, of Pensacola 24 years old, thought she was entertaining a pauper in Thomas Caldwell, an aged recluse, who came from Chicago and eked out a miserable existence by peddling fish and food. Miss Burkhardt ministered to the man when he was ill, and the girl has received information that she had been made the sole heir of the estate of Caldwell, valued at \$75,000.

There has been a larger number of strawberry plants set in the southern section of the East Coast this year and the plants are making a vigorous growth which indicates a good crop of this luscious fruit. The bulk of the strawberry crop grown here ripens in the winter. Up north it is snow, ice, canned goods; down here it is sunshine, balmy days, magnificent nights, fresh strawberries, genuine cream and fresh vegetables and fruit. Which will you take?

Fort Lauderdale promises to have a large acreage of the spring crop. New lands have been opened up along the line of the State dredging operations. The land has been platted off in five, ten and twenty-acre pieces and is offered by the State at \$20 per acre for the land facing and abutting on the canal, and \$15 per acre for back lots. These are very reasonable prices and will no doubt attract many growers and settlers as the land will not overflow.

The Florida State Teachers' Association meets on the night of December 31, at St. Petersburg. It was first intended to meet at Marianna, but it was decided to change the place of meeting to St. Petersburg. St. Petersburg is, normally, a city of 3,000 or 4,000 inhabitants, but during the winter months, the influx of northern visitors triples or quadruples this number. Being a tourist town, it is needless to say that it boasts magnificent hotels, amply large enough to accommodate all the teachers in Florida, and still have room to spare.

The Homestead Country, about 25 miles south of Miami, is one of the most interesting sections of these parts. The station "Homestead" is the terminal of the Florida East Coast Railroad at the present time. Homestead is a nice game all right, but there is a station on the road a few miles that has a name much more suitable for this kind of a country. It is Rockdale. Every station after leaving Rockdale should have Rock down there. Yet everything that is put in the ground grows and grows so strongly and luxuriantly. — Press News.

Capt. G. G. Gleason, while digging in his grounds at the rear of his home on Bay street, St. Augustine, unearthed what appears to be one of the most interesting relics ever found there. The object found is a small metal box, circular in shape, about 1 1/2 inches in diameter, and about an inch deep. The bottom bears an inscription, and the ancient date of 1411. The words inscribed are "Jeanne d'Arc nee a Domromy, 1414." The top of the small case or box bears a likeness of the head and bust of Joan of Arc. The article is of metal, the exact material not being known. It is exceptionally well preserved, every letter of the inscription and date, as well as the head, are perfectly clear and distinct. The box was probably buried or lost by some of the Huguenots. Capt. Gleason is searching for further information on his peculiar and interesting treasure.

The Republican State and Congressional Conventions will be held in St. Augustine, commencing February 6th.

The board of trade of Daytona has made arrangements with Dr. Clarence B. Strouse to hold a chautauqua in that city the last of February or the first of March.

Fort Myers is about 60,000 boxes behind last year in orange shipments up to the present time. The quality of the fruit that been shipped is fully as good as last year.

A larger acreage than usual will be planted in Irish potatoes at Miami this year. There has been some difficulty in securing seed potatoes this early in the season, and those who have already planted have been forced to use potatoes on sale in the groceries, which in some instances have not proven satisfactory.

The Mallory-Clyde Line has closed a deal with Hendry & Knight of Tampa, whereby a weekly steamship service will be put on between Tampa and New York just as soon as the harbor is sufficiently deepened, which will be in about five months. A large dock, work on which has been commenced, will be ready in time for the coming of the steamers.

Hester Wilder, a colored woman, has been awarded damages in the sum of \$5,500 against the city of Jacksonville, the verdict marking the conclusion of a hard fought suit. The woman is the widow of Benjamin Wilder, who was killed on April 17, 1907, near the corner of Stonewall and Winten streets, by coming in contact with a live electric light wire, the current in which was supplied from the city plant.

Mrs. Caroline A. Chaudoin, wife of the late Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, died Friday morning, Dec. 6th, and was buried in LaGrange cemetery last Saturday morning. She was born in Davidson county, Tennessee, on March 18th, 1836, consequently was past seventy-two years of age. She was married to the late Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, May 6th, 1859, and they moved to Florida in 1871 and settled at LaGrange in 1873, since which time that has been her permanent home.

Considerable damage was done to the shipping interests by the storm which passed over Pensacola at an early hour last Friday morning. The wind, which was from the east, reached a velocity of thirty-two miles at 1 o'clock, and increased steadily until at 3 o'clock it was blowing at forty-five miles. The Russian ship Avonia dragged her anchor in the harbor and collided with the British bark Emma Parker, carrying away the bowsprit, and doing other damage. Eight barges, some loaded with lumber, dragged their anchors and were beached, while 200 sticks of timber broke from the ship Wallacetown and are adrift.

Reports are afloat from a reliable source, that the railroad work between Key West and Pine Key will be in full swing by the middle of January. The old camp sites are now being inspected and plans are being laid for the resumption of the work on a large scale. Those who are acquainted with the status of the road are not surprised at this announcement. At least 75 per cent of the work has been done, and the longer it remains in its incomplete state, the harder it will be to complete it. It would be no surprise to hear that the work on the Bahia Honda bridge will be delayed until the northern markets have fully recovered from the effects of the recent scare, but there is no likelihood that the balance of the road will be left incomplete until that time. It is possible that a seven mile ferry may be used, but we are firmly convinced that trains will run into Key West next year. — Key West Citizen.

A Substitute.
"You're rather a young man to be left in charge of a drug store," said the fussy old gentleman. "Have you any diploma?" "Why—no, sir," replied the drug clerk. "But we have a preparation of our own that's just as good." — Philadelphia Press.

Christmas and New Year Holiday Rates
The Atlantic Coast Line will sell tickets from all points in Florida December 20th to 25th inclusive, and December 30th-31st and January 1st with a final limit returning January 6th. Rates will be one and one third fare plus twenty-five cents for round trip.

Ask your nearest railroad agent for rates to any point south of the Ohio and East of the Mississippi river or call on or write to A. W. Fritot, Division Passenger Agent, Jacksonville, Fla.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN COURT OF COUNTY JUDGE, STATE OF FLORIDA.

Estate of Clarence B. Strouse, deceased. St. Lucie County.

To all Creditors, Legatees, Beneficiaries and all persons having claims or demands against the estate of Clarence B. Strouse, deceased, late of St. Lucie County, Florida, to the undersigned J. Louisa Brewer, executor of said estate, within two years from the date hereof.

Dated October 12, A. D. 1907.
J. LOUISA BREWER, Executor.

IN COURT OF THE COUNTY JUDGE, STATE OF FLORIDA.

Estate of Herman E. Olds, deceased. St. Lucie County.

To all Creditors, Legatees, Beneficiaries and all persons having claims or demands against the estate of Herman E. Olds, deceased, late of St. Lucie County, Florida, to the undersigned J. Louisa Brewer, executor of said estate, within two years from the date hereof.

Dated October 26, A. D. 1907.
J. LOUISA BREWER, Executor.

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

In the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for St. Lucie County, State of Florida, to the Clerk.

Robert E. Brand, Complainant, vs. E. H. Hibbard, et al., Defendants.

Notice to the Defendants.

To the Joseph Rosenheim Shoe Company, appearing by attorney of First Nat. Bank, attorneys for the complainant in above entitled cause, that the Joseph Rosenheim Shoe Company has shown in this State on whom judgment could be served to bind it, that it is a corporation resident in the city of Savannah, State of Georgia.

It is therefore ordered that it be required to appear to the bill of complaint in the above entitled cause on the sixth day of January, A. D. 1908, otherwise the allegations of the bill shall be taken as confessed.

It is further ordered that this order shall be published once each week for four consecutive weeks in the St. Lucie County Tribune, a newspaper published in St. Lucie County, Florida. Done and ordered this twenty third day of November, A. D. 1907.
J. E. FELTZ, Clerk of Circuit Court of St. Lucie County.

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